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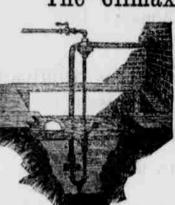
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have been called Crawl to signify its coast was by that time pretty well setmanner of ushering in,-Ex. for a rapid mail service. Many a man gets caught in the

matrimonial knot who regrets that he monkeved with the lass-so .- Ex. A young lady has named one of her admirers Hoosac Tunnel because be

is such an everlasting bore.-Warren Brown-Does your wife keep her

temper very well?

is too suggestive."

Jones-Um-um-er some, but I get the most of it.-Ex. She-Darling, do you love me? He [kissing her rapturously and repeatedly]-Do I? I wish you were a

two-headed girl. That's all I can say !-Tid-Bits.

"Why, precious?" crow."-Hotel Mail.

A man who was about to be hanged in Alabama sang: "Oh, the Bright Angels are Waiting For Me." Whereupon the local editor wrote, "And the angels stirred up the fire and Duncan A. Cameron, M. D. C. M. looked brighter."-Ex. Graduate McGill University, Montreal late house surgeon Mentreal General Hospital. Diseases of eyes and ears a specialty. Office with Dr. Wikin-ven Second attention.

Hammericans were afraid of the Ge- the lighter the man the better for the nesta ?" "Yes, but-

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hog industry.-Puck. Guest [to landlord]-Are you sure landlord, that this is a spring chicken? two horses. By the day set for start-Landlord-Yes, sir. That chicken Organized March 1st, 1872, for the purpose of doing a is from my own farm; it was born in General Banking Business. March.

> Guest-Oh, that explains it. You know March is a tough month.-Ex. "Is that all that you can give me, ma'am," pleaded the tramp, "a dip- famous saddle-horse, dashed away to-

perful of water ?" "Why, no, certainly not," replied ty-miles in forty-nine minutes. the woman with a big heart; "you

can have as many dipperfuls as you like."-New York Sun. Biggs-Look at me, look at my eye.

I say! and see what your much vaunted higher education of women has

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Pretty Creature--Yesterday was my birthday, dear; and my Charlie gave me a string of such beautiful pearls-one for every year.

Second ditto [who has failed to secure Charlie]-How sweet, dearest. What an expensive present-such a long string, dear.-Fun. Call at the Argus Office

girl I ever met.

Curtis-I didn't know it ; but I'm willing to take your word for it. McQuillen-Well, you may. Why, she is so modest that she even retires to another room to change her mind.

-Ex. Friend-Was your uncle's will sat- this when he selected Johnny Fry to know.-Puck. sfactory to you Brown?

"I think," said the minister, who tive than harsh ones."

erly. Then she raised her window mile away. and suddenly shouted: "Johnnie, if you don't come in out

back !"-Columbus Dispatch. Meeting Jim Webster, Uncle Mose

nagnificent pants of Jim. "Dat's a mighty fine pair ob pants for sich a pore niggah as you am to

be a wearin'." "Yes, dey's gorgus, an' no mistake." "How much mout dey cost yer, an'

whar did yer git 'em f" "Dey mout cost me two years in de Racing for \$200,000.

Twenty-nine years ago St. Joseph Missouri, was the western terminus of the railway systems of the country. Beyond St. Joseph the stage coach, ox teams and kindred methods of transportation were resorted to for the purpose of maintaining communi-Spring is inaptly named. It should cation with the Pacific slope. This tled, and business men began to wish

> In the winter of 1860 Wall street was at work in Washington endeavoring to get a subsidy of \$10,000,000 aye, that very night! for carrying the mails overland one year between New York and San Francisco

William H. Russell, backed up by Secretary of War Floyd, looked upon the scheme as a very extravigant proposition and said that he could put on a mail line from San Francisco to St. Joseph that would cover the distance-1,950 miles-in ten days. So confident was he that he professed himself willing to wager \$200,000 on the proposition.

The schemers for the big mail contract felt bound to meet the bluff, and "Don't call me 'Ducky,' John," took up the wager, the 8th day of said a fat bride to her husband. "It April, 1860, being fixed as the day of starting. A. B. Miller, Russell's partner, was positive that a pony ex-"Because ducks always waddle, you press could be established which would enable Russell to win his prodigious wager. There was no time to be lost, and Miller set about his task with energy. He purchased 300 of the fleet-

est horses that he could procure and secured the services of 125 men. Eighty of these men were selected as post-riders, and, of course, were espe-"Hi, didn' I tell ve the blarsted cially chosen for their light weighthorse, as some parts of the route bad to be covered at the rate of twenty-"Well, then, 'ere's a telegram as five miles per hour. In establishing says the Puritan ran right away from the relays the distance in each instance was determined by the char-

As a rule, the horses were stationed from ten to twenty miles apart, Miss Porcine-Yes, very much, and each rider had to make sixty miles. Two minutes were allowed for ing anything connected with the great changing the animals and shifting the mails. If the stage stations were not at proper intervals a tent was put up sufficient to accommodate one man and ing everything was in readiness, and er hoss? W'y, Sam, ef er fellea wuz before the smoke cleared away from ter say that, he'd have me ter whup, steamer Sacramento at the hour of noon, April 8th, 1860, Billy Baker, mounted on Border Ruffian, Miller's wards the Sierras, covering his twen-

Deep snow lay in the mountain passes, and to Salt Lake Valley slow time was made, so that from the valley on it was necessary to make extra

fast speed to win the hugh wager. All went well until the crossing at Julesburg was reached. To his dismay the courier found the Platt river high up in its banks and a strong cur-Yes, I do; my wife has been tak- rent running. Fearlessly horse and rider plunged into the turbid stream, but only the man reached the opposite bank. His gallant steed mired in the quicksands and was drowned. The courier saved his precious mailpouch and had to walk ten miles to

the next relay station. McQuillen-Do you know, Curtis, and as a rider he never knew an equal. some women don't know anything that Miss Penn is the most modest To him fell the duty of riding the last after moonlight .- Free Press. sixty miles of the long race. He had

six thoroughbred horses to do it with. When the courier arrived at the to-day, Mrs. Styles? ixty mile post out of St. Joseph, he was one hour behind time. Johnny black sheep. had to make up that lost hour or the

make the final dash. Brown—Perfectly so; I'm a lucky dog! He left his entire fortune to an insane asylum.

You mean that you are an unlucky dog.

No, I don't; the other relations are going to contest the will and I'm to the copen country one mile from the instance of the service of the service that the standard of the service of the service

finish.

Forty-seven minutes more and the purify your blood, start healthy action of Liver and Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give renewed health and strength. was visiting a parishoner, "that it is wager would be lost, when suddenly Such a medicine you will find in Electric such a bright-eved youngster caught sight. easier to coax children than to drive a bright-eyed youngster caught sight & Gray's drug store. them. Gentle words are more effect of the auxiously looked-for courier, and the yell that went up from the "I think so too," said the lady tend- crowd reached the ears of the rider a

of that mud-puddle I'll break your of foam streaked the panting flanks could not help being astonished at the to his journey's end, covering the last

Penitenshiery of I tole."-Texas Sifts bon counter gentleman and gentle-

civility or chilling indifference had better beware. The time may come when their positions may be reversed.

"See here, Jinks," said one of these arrogant millionaires one day to a ninety-pound ribbon counter clerk, 'you want to attend to your business better, young man, and not waste so much of your time flirting with that red headed underwear girl across the aisle, mind that!"

Enraged and humiliated the downtrodden ribbon counter serf vows and seeks revenge. His time comes soon,

The purse-proud, cold-blooded merchant prince goes to the theater. He buys an admission ticket and stands up, being of an economical turn of

"Let me pass, sir," says a calm, cold voice at his side. He looks down and beholds the ribbon counter clerk in the magnificence of full dress with the underwear girl in flowing robes and sixteen button kids hanging to his, the eyes of the men meet, but there is no sign of recognition on the part of the ribbon counter clerk, only a cold haughty, fixed stare as he passed proudly on to the \$3 seats re-

Two Arkansans engaged in conver-

"Say, Uncle Billy, you live in er pretty tough neighborhood, don't ye ?" "Putty tough, Sam; putty tight on

ther slack." "Do you ever get in fights?" "No fights."

"Whut do veu do when er feller calls ver a liar?" "Wa'll, I think that mebbe he knows more erbout it than I do, and

jest let the thing rock along," "Yes, an' spozen he calls yer er "Wa'll I jest think that mebbe he's

better posted than I am." "Spozen he calls you a coward?" "I wouldn't argy with him."

"Wa'll, spozen he'd say that yer couldn't tell ther age uv er horse by lookin' in his mouth." "What! me not know ther age ny

the muzzle of the signal gun on the right there. Don't talk ter me Sam, don't talk ter me, fur it makes me mad ter think erbout it."-Tama Herald. Theodwinkle Brown comes into the

house at 10 o'clock with a bleeding HARRINGTON Mrs. B.-Theo, what has happened?

Mr. B .- Stumbled over a post that some idiot left lying across the walk in the front yard out there. A post! you are mistaken. No one

left a post out there. Couldn't I see it! It's moonlight. and bright as day. A post across the walk?

You come out and look for yourself! See that post lying there? That's what done it. Theodwinkle Brown, that is nothing but the shadow of the trunk of

that pine tree! It is, ch ! Well, what if it is! Don't you know (hic) that the shadow Johnny Fry was one of the famous of a (hie) pine tree is just as hard to men of his day on the border. Tough kick against and fall over as the (hic) and wiry, he was as light as a cat. shadow of a hickory tree? Sing'lar

> Butcher-What can I send you up Mrs. Styles-Send me a leg of mutton, and be sure that it is from a

A black sheep? wager was lost. Miller considered all Yes; we are in mourning, you

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